

# Influenza VACCINATION

## AGED CARE FACILITIES

Please distribute to all doctors and staff in your facility



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### Key Points

1. The preferred minimum interval between influenza vaccine and any COVID-19 vaccine is **14 days**.
2. People in phase 1a (which includes aged care residents and staff), should receive the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as it is available to them, and then receive their influenza vaccine (advice from the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation- ATAGI)
3. Vaccines must be ordered on the online ordering system. Faxed or email vaccine orders are no longer accepted.

### Scheduling influenza and COVID-19 vaccines

- All providers must be mindful of the 2021 ATAGI clinical advice when scheduling the influenza vaccination program for staff and residents in aged care.
- Aged care providers should discuss plans for booking vaccination clinics with GPs (for residents) and external vaccination providers (for staff).
- These discussions are important to ensure both vaccines can be safely administered.

### Ordering influenza vaccine

- **Vaccines must be ordered online. Faxed or e-mail orders are no longer accepted.**
- Since 9 am Monday 8 March 2021, facilities have been able to order vaccines online at: [nsw.tollhealthcare.com/](http://nsw.tollhealthcare.com/).
- To register for online ordering, email the Online Ordering Registration Form: [www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Documents/online-approval-form.pdf](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Documents/online-approval-form.pdf) MOH- and requested documents to NSW Health at: [vaccereports@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:vaccereports@health.nsw.gov.au).
- Pneumococcal vaccines can also be ordered where appropriate.
- Only the person assigned with the role of managing a Residential Facility is authorised under Section 10(4)(d) of the Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 1966 to order influenza and pneumococcal vaccines.

### All vaccinations must be reported to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR)

- Mandatory reporting of all influenza and COVID-19 vaccines will be effective from 1 March 2021. Providers must apply for access to the AIR via PRODA now.
- Further information is available at: [www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/organisations/business/services/proda-provider-digital-access](http://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/organisations/business/services/proda-provider-digital-access)

### Further Information

- ATAGI [Statement on the administration of seasonal influenza vaccines in 2021](#)
- ATAGI [Advice on influenza and COVID-19 vaccines](#)
- Australian Government [Information for aged care providers, workers and residents about COVID-19 vaccines](#)
- NSW Health [Seasonal influenza vaccination 2021](#)

For any enquiries, please call your local public health unit on **1300 066 055**.

Regards  
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